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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **\$50 Million EF+Math Program Now Accepting Proposals**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, and the New Schools Venture Fund have announced a five-year, [\\$50 million initiative](#) to fund bold approaches through inclusive discovery and development to dramatically increase math outcomes for students in grades 3-8. A full [Call for Proposals](#) is now available for applicants to pursue applied research tracks or prototyping tracks. Concept notes will be accepted on a rolling basis depending on their track designation. Learn more by viewing recent program [webinars](#).

### **Wells Fargo Innovation Challenge**

Wells Fargo has announced a [\\$20 million innovation challenge grant](#), led by Enterprise Community Partners, to elevate and drive new ideas towards housing affordability solutions. The competitive [RFP process](#) will be announced in the fall of 2019, followed by a pitch competition event to select six winners.

## EVENTS AND TOOLS

### **Choice MEANS Choice Conference in New Orleans**

Urban Strategies Initiatives has announced that they are hosting a free conference for Choice Neighborhoods FY17 and FY18 planning grantees and FY14 through FY18 implementation grantees. This conference is not hosted by HUD. However, travel for conferences/trainings is an eligible use of Choice Neighborhoods grant funds, if grantees choose to attend. The conference presents an opportunity to network and learn from each other's successes and challenges; to uplift best practices from across the country; and to create spaces for newer Choice Neighborhoods grantees to learn from more seasoned sites. This conference will consist of a New Orleans site tour, a question and answer session with HUD representatives, nationally renowned keynote speakers, and a youth leaders' tract. Since space is limited, *all eligible Choice Neighborhoods sites are being contacted and invited by Urban Strategies Initiatives to attend the conference*. For more information, please contact [Erika Wilson](#), the conference planning coordinator.

### **2019 Champions for Change Workshop**

The [Collective Impact Forum](#) will be hosting the [2019 Champions for Change](#) learning experience on October 15-17, 2019 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This three-day workshop is designed for leaders who are in the early stages of their collective impact work and provides professional development, peer learning opportunities, and insight on sustaining momentum for initiatives over the long-term. [Registration](#) and a developing [2019 Workshop Agenda](#) are now available.

### **National League of Cities 2019 City Summit**

The [National League of Cities](#) will host this year's [City Summit](#) in San Antonio, Texas from November 20-23, 2019. The conference offers professional development trainings and discussions for municipal leaders to examine the challenges affecting America's cities, as well as, mobile workshops to see the success of peers through guided tours of noteworthy municipal projects. [Registration details](#) are available now.

### **NeighborWorks America Training Institute**

[Registration](#) is now open for NeighborWorks America's [Portland Training Institute](#), Dec. 9-13, 2019. Network with more than 1,800 colleagues from all over the country and participate in courses and workshops in community development and nonprofit management.

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **The Road to Affordable Housing Report**

The National League of Cities (NLC) has released a new report titled, [Homeward Bound: The Road to Affordable Housing](#). The report focuses on the solutions small and large communities are using to address the nation's growing affordable housing challenge. The report includes a set of national housing policy recommendations to stabilize and stem the loss of public and affordable housing, and highlights innovations of land-use and planning at the local and regional level.

### **Federal Reserve What Works Series**

The National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities of Case Western Reserve University is releasing [groups of essays](#) that discuss mixed-income communities as a strategy to address poverty, racial disparities, segregation and other challenges our society faces. The first two volumes of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's [What Works series](#) are [What is the Current Landscape for Mixed-Income Strategies?](#) and [What Policy Innovations Do We Need?](#) The reports share current strategies for inclusive, equitable mixed-income communities and explore the design and implementation of federal, state, regional, and local policies that will advance community goals.

### **Building Capacity to Measure Health Outcomes in Community Development**

Enterprise Community Partners and NeighborWorks America have released a new report, [On the Path to Health Equity: Building Capacity to Measure Health Outcomes in Community Development](#). The report showcases how 20 affordable housing and community development organizations evaluated health outcomes for communities across a range of programs. Programs included neighborhood improvement and community safety initiatives, youth education and services, housing improvement, and service coordination for residents in crisis.

### **Overcoming Barriers to Scaling Off-Site Construction**

Enterprise Community Partners have released a new report on [Overcoming Barriers to Bringing Off-Site Construction to Scale](#). The report focuses on: barriers to using prefabrication to create efficiencies; financing challenges; design and quality considerations; regulations and logistics; and overall construction timelines and costs.

## **GRANTEES IN THE NEWS**

### **Beecher Terrace Takes Shape**

The [Beecher Terrace Redevelopment Project](#) is nearing completion in Louisville, Kentucky. Phase one of the \$30 million construction project will include a 117-unit senior living center and is expected to open by the end of 2020. On a recent visit, Secretary Ben Carson praised Metro Housing officials for securing the grant and [creating employment opportunities](#) for residents of the community.

### **Newport News Fosters Local Entrepreneurship**

In anticipation of the Choice Neighborhood investment, [Newport News' Southeast Community](#) officials are encouraging communities to participate in the economic opportunities surrounding the project. Through HUD's Section 3 program, eligible businesses and local residents can directly participate in the transformation of their communities and receive contract and subcontract preference on construction projects.

### **Building in Choice Neighborhoods with Opportunity Zones**

Within the [Edison Eastlake Choice Neighborhood](#), private investors have broken ground on a 140-unit workforce housing development in the heart of Downtown Phoenix, Arizona. Pacific Oak Capital Advisors and Defer Gain formed a joint venture to leverage the Choice Neighborhood revitalization efforts with Opportunity Zones financing for three additional affordable housing projects.

### **Lewistown City Officials Approve TIF for Mixed-Income Housing**

Lewistown, Maine's City Council has approved public funding to advance a [multiphase downtown development transformation plan](#) called Growing Our Tree Streets. The Council also approved tax increment financing to help fund a 35-unit mixed-income housing development by equally splitting the new taxes generated on the property for the first five years.

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